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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 23. Department of Humanitarian Affairs

1. At its 24th meeting, on 14 October 1993, the Committee considered the programme narrative of section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations expressed support for the increased resources allocated to the Department of Humanitarian Affairs as the minimum required to enable it to carry out its increased workload.

3. Some delegations expressed concern that the offices in New York and Geneva may be duplicating activities, and were of the view that the structures and functions of these offices should be further rationalized.

4. A number of delegations questioned the necessity of having an information unit within the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and considered that it overlapped with the functions of the Department of Public Information.

5. A number of delegations stressed the importance of including legislative mandates for activities being implemented by the Department, particularly those addressing humanitarian diplomacy, de-mining and those linked to peace-keeping, in order to ensure full respect for the sovereignty of Member States.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee expressed its support for strengthening the Department of Humanitarian Affairs for the implementation of its programme of work.

7. The Committee recommended that the conclusions reached by the Economic and Social Council at its 1993 coordination segment should be taken into account in the implementation of the programme.

8. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.